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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO DISRUPT PROJECTED VISIT OF THE

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1. REPORT CITED REFTEL, ALLEGING MONTONEROS PLANNING TO ABDUCT AND SUBSEQUENTLY KILL A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL AS A MEANS TO DISRUPT AND POSSIBLY CANCEL PROJECTED VISIT TO ARGENTINA OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IS VIEWED HERE AS DIS-QUIETING SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE OF A SCENARIO THAT ANY OF THE TERRORIST GROUPS MIGHT FOLLOW IF THEY HAVE DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE VISIT. ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE VISIT MUST BE VIEWED AS ONE OF HEIGHTENED RISK TO THE MEMBERS OF
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THE MISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY, A VARIETY OF EXCEPTIONAL

MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN DURING THIS TIME IN AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE THE THREAT.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CONSULTED AT LENGTH WITH AMBASSADOR HILL DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON ON THE TERRORIST THREAT TO THE U.S. MISSION, BOTH IN THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM CONTEXT. AMONG CONCLUSIONS REACHED WAS THAT THE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS POSED BY THE TERRORIST

THREAT TO MISSION PERSONNEL WERE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY CHAIR THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE AND GUIDE ITS LABORS TO THE HARD CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT MUST REACH ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

3. THIS MESSAGE DEALS ONLY WITH THE CRITICAL PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THE EMBASSY ON THE LONGER-TERM ASPECTS OF THE TERRORIST THREAT, THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, FURTHER STAFF REDUCTIONS, AND SUCH SPECIFIC SUBJECTS AS THE POSITIONING AND USE OF FIREARMS, ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE POST.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DIRECT THAT PLANS BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL CONSIDERED NON-ESSENTIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AND SENT ON TDY TRAVEL OUTSIDE ARGENTINA. 6 FAM 181.1(7) MAY BE USED TO COVER TRAVEL OF DEPENDENTS. PER DIEM WILL BE AUTHORIZED. CHARGE APPLICABLE POST PROGRAM OR SHARED ALLOTMENT FOR STATE PERSONNEL ONLY.

(B) MISSION PERSONNEL REMAINING SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED DURING THIS TEMPORARY PERIOD TO DOUBLE UP IN LIVING QUARTERS, WHICH COULD PROVIDE A GREATER DEGREE OF SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED STATIC GUARD SERVICE. THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE SHOULD BE EMPLOYED ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE RESIDING
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IN RELATIVELY ISOLATED LOCATIONS. ALTERNATIVELY, IF IN THE AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT, CERTAIN EMPLOYEES, BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES OR ISOLATED RESIDENCE, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ESPECIALLY HIGH RISKS, HOTEL SPACE MAY BE RENTED BY THE EMBASSY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(C) ADDITIONAL STATIC AND PATROL GUARD SERVICE AT SUCH LEVELS APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED.

(D) EXISTING PLANS FOR SECURITY GUARD ESCORT OF PERSONNEL DURING MOVEMENTS FROM LIVING QUARTERS TO OFFICES SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND STRENGTHENED AS APPROPRIATE.

(E) ALL PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MAINTAIN THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE DURING THIS PERIOD, AND SPECIFICALLY, TO LIMIT THEIR MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE HOME AND OFFICE TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. SUCH OUTSIDE TRAVEL AS IS ESSENTIAL SHOULD BE VARIED IN TIME AND BY ROUTE TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DEGREE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE FOREGOING MEASURES ARE EXTRAORDINARY AND WILL CAUSE DISRUPTION AND POSSIBLY EXPENSE TO MISSION PERSONNEL. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MEASURES MAY ALSO BE RECEIVED BY SOME WITH INCREASED ANXIETY. IN THIS REGARD, THE DEPARTMENT COMMENDS ALL MEMBERS OF THE MISSION AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE COOLNESS, COURAGE, AND RESOLUTION TO CARRY ON WITH THE JOB, WHICH HAVE BEEN SO EVIDENT THIS PAST YEAR AND WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CONTINUE TO MARK THE MISSION'S PERFORMANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE INCREASING LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY DOES CREATE HARDSHIP AND SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE FOR ALL CONCERNED. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DIRECT, BY WHATEVER MEANS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, THAT A SURVEY BE MADE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY MEMBER OF THE MISSION IS CONCERNED FOR HIS SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF HIS DEPENDENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT HE WOULD PREFER A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER POST. SUCH TRANSFERS SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM B.A. AND WILL BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ACTION IS IN NO WAY PREJUDICIAL TO THE CAREER OF THE PERSON CONCERNED.

6. DEPARTMENT IS COORDINATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN
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ORDER THAT FOREGOING MEASURES REQUIRING FUNDING WILL BE UNIFORMLY APPLIED.

7. PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS, PARA 4 ABOVE, AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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